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My dear Sir:

I want to extend to you, on behalf of the Executive Board of the Religious Education Association, a very hearty and earnest invitation to address the Association at its Convention in Detroit next March. As one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association you are familiar with its principles, purposes and achievements. You know how influential the activities of the Association are, how noteworthy are its meetings, and what rich treasuries of information and inspiration can be found in its published volumes.

The Directors have decided to make the theme of the Detroit Convention one in which you have a keen interest. It is proposed to discuss the kind of education needed in these prophetic times. There are many phrases which may suggest the aim of the Directors, such as: "Education for Self-Government" or "The Modern Interpretation of Democracy" or "Education in and for Democracy." It is not, however, our desire to prescribe a definite theme but we want you to address the Convention of the evening of Tuesday, March 18, 1919.

You remember that co-operation in the work of the

Association means an appeal to the public spirit of all those who participate. All of us who attend the meetings pay our own expenses. It has been both extraordinary and exhilarating to discover, year after year, that hundreds of our citizens, College Presidents, publicists, religious leaders, ministers and teachers are willing to make this gift of time and money for the promotion of the principles of the Association. I trust that the coming meeting will have the influence of your spoken word and that you will give us the pleasure of your presence and the inspiration of your message.

Cordially yours,

Samuel A. Eliot

Sir Robert A. Falconer.

SAE/Bs

July 22nd, 1918

Dr. Samuel A. Eliot,
The Religious Education Association,
1440 East 57th Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 20th has just been received. Sir Robert Falconer left last week for England and will not return until the beginning of October. Your letter will receive his attention on his return to Toronto.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

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October 4th, 1918

Dr. Samuel A. Eliot,

The Religious Education Association,

1440 East 57th Street,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

On my return from Europe I find your kind letter asking me on behalf of the Executive Board of the Religious Education Association to address the Association at its convention in Detroit next March on the evening of Tuesday, the 18th. As far as I am able to forecast my movements I am free to accept your invitation and hope to be with you that evening. I note also what you say as to those who take part attending to their own expenses which of course I would be glad to do.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.